



# Wantima News

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## Chairman's Report - Don Murray

Welcome to all the new members this year. The influx of the new members since Christmas has put a strain on the Saturday field with timesheets getting filled very quickly. So I do stress if you are putting down names on Friday night, don't put names down of people who are unlikely to play the following Saturday. Tom is taking note of players who are consistently pulling out.

This recent weather hasn't been kind, with days being lost for our buggies. Please be considerate in the way buggies are being driven in and around the wet areas.

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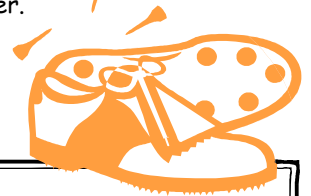
- Reshaping of the putting green and the retaining wall being finished.
- Gardens around the course have been filled with flowers & shrubs.
- The new 8th Tee will be open on the Monthly Medal day in June.
- Reshaping of the 8th & 17th Fairways are being discussed to eliminate the drainage problems during wet times.
- The 15th Tee has been reshaped & enlarged.

- New concrete pathway near the 8th Tee.
- We have new carpet in the Pro Shop, so please check your shoes to save Tom & Staff some time in cleaning.
- The clubrooms have been repainted & carpeted with new colours updating the appearance
- The Bar area will be getting an update in the near future.
- The halfway house has a barbecue on Saturday mornings.
- We also have Friday Night Dining with a very tasty Menu, so support would be great.

Wantima Country Club will be hosting a Pro-Am in September. Sponsors will be sourced to make this event a success so if you can support in any way for this event please contact Trevor in the office.

The course is in the best condition for many years so it is yours to look after.

Happy Golfing  
Don Murray



## \$10,000 PRO-AM

TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2010

### Package 1 \$5,500.00 inc. gst

- Naming rights for Pro-AM
- Full Golf Hole (Tee, Fairway, Green) & area set aside in Club House for advertising purposes.
- Choice of Golf Professionals & Tee off Hole.
- 9 Players for the Pro-Am
- Sit Down Dinner & Drinks after the Pro-Am for the 9 players and 3 guests.

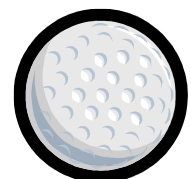
### Package 2 \$2,000 inc. gst

- Full Golf Hole (Tee, Fairway, Green) for advertising purposes.
- Choice of Golf Professionals & Tee off Hole
- 6 Players for the Pro-Am
- Sit Down Dinner & Drinks after the Pro-Am for the 6 players.

### Package 3 \$1,100 inc. gst

- Full Golf Hole (Tee, Fairway, Green) for advertising purposes
- Choice of Golf Professionals & Tee off Hole
- 3 Players for the Pro-Am
- Sit Down Dinner & Drinks after the Pro-Am for the 3 players.

Please contact Trevor Ward on 3264 1633  
for any queries with regards to our Pro-Am



**MORNING COMPETITION FEE**  
Including Lunch - \$50.00 per person

**AFTERNOON COMPETITION FEE**  
Including Sit Down Dinner - \$75.00 per person

## *Men's Captain—Derek Bone*

It is wonderful to see the Golf course presented so well. Drew and his staff continue to do a great job. I'm sure this is one of the factors which has resulted in the increase in member numbers. Firstly welcome to all the new members, we hope you enjoy your time at our Club. This increase in membership numbers, which is great for the club, has however created some stresses in timeslot availability and highlighted the importance of keeping play moving whilst on the course.

It is amazing that we have discovered there are no SLOW golfers at Wantima, only UNFORTUNATE ones. Unfortunately we lost a ball, we had to search for our ball, we had a rule issue, we went from bunker to bunker and what ever other misfortune has befallen us. We all fall in the Unfortunate category at some stage during every round we play. The issue isn't that you fall behind the group in front, it is What You Do to make up the lost ground? Below are some tips to assist the "Unfortunate Golfer".

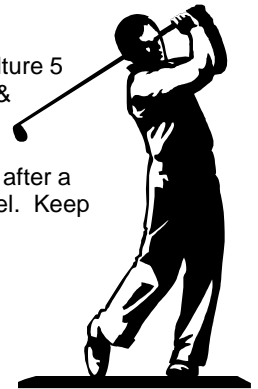
- 1) After the first two players putt out, they leave the green and go to the next tee to tee off whilst the remaining two players putt out.
- 2) The first player in the group tees off before marking his card for the previous hole whilst the other three mark their cards.
- 3) Play "Ready Golf" - whoever is ready to play, plays first.

These simple methods can assist you in keeping up with the group in front, without having to rush your shots and reducing the enjoyment of your golfing round. We want everyone to enjoy their round of golf and to take into consideration that if you group is too slow (unfortunate), all the groups behind you are affected.

The Glass House Mountain Pennants season has finished, with our Division One side defeating Caboolture 5 matches to 2, to win their first Div 1 premiership since 1995. Well done boys! The Masters, Division 2 & Junior teams all performed well during the year but narrowly missed the finals.

Congratulations to Cameron Smith in winning the recent Queensland Men's Stroke Play Championship after a thrilling 8 hole play off. Great to see Australia's No 1 ranked junior starting to succeed at the Open Level. Keep doing us proud Cam !!!

Good & Fortunate Golfing!  
Derek Bone  
Men's Captain 2010



## *Ladies Captain—Julie Van-Heythuysen*

After a very wet start to this year the ladies, both Wednesday and Saturday, have finally settled into a regular pattern of play and the fields are starting to pick up with the cooler weather.

Our Birthday Celebration Day (25 years) was postponed in March due to the wet conditions and replayed in April when many hardy souls braved another dreadfully wet day and managed nine holes of golf and then enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by our new caterers – well done those ladies who played and I know you will never believe me again when I tell you it will 'fine up'!!

We have seen the introduction of the new Handicapping system and as the weeks have passed we have embraced the changes. Initially we all had reservations as to how the new system would affect our handicaps, we have seen changes to our handicaps but overall the system is working well.

Our Pennant Teams have battled well this year with the midweek Silver Pennants Division 2 having a tough competition

and finished the competition in 7<sup>th</sup> place. Weekend Zone 1 Pennants are currently enjoying their season and are at present tied in Second place. Bronze Pennants will commence in August. Congratulations and thanks must go to all the Pennant Ladies and their Caddies for this season.

We played our first Live Life Villages Medley day in February which was attended by both the ladies and men with a field of 80, our player numbers were down due to the poor weather conditions on this day, we look forward to another Live Life Villages Medley day in October.

During the school holidays at the end of June we will be playing our 'Lady Member Day' sponsored by our Pro Tom Arnold. All lady members of the Club are invited to join the Wednesday Ladies for this competition and we look forward to welcoming many of them. Thank you Tom, Pam and Paul for your sponsorship and great service over the past year.

We look forward to our Pink Lady Day in July raising funds for Breast Cancer and our Club Championships which also gets underway on 18th August – best of luck to all of you.

Congratulations to Drew and his staff for keeping the course in such fine condition, particularly during the past six months while conditions have been very variable, and it's so good to see all the work taking place around the course.

Ladies Captain  
Julie VanHeythuysen



## *Pro Shop - Tom Arnott*

### **How to make MORE three foot putts**

The most important thing for making putts is believing that you can make it. Short putts have a tendency of making even the best golfers think nasty thoughts about missing. It is absolutely necessary to fight these dirty thoughts off. You should reinforce the thought that this putt is going in. Also visualising the ball falling into the hole will help increase your chances.

### **Imagine the ball disappearing**

It is much easier to think positively when you have confidence. That confidence generally comes from past successes (a.k.a. PRACTICE). It is very important to practise your 3 foot putts. If you make enough 3 footers before a round, the hole will seem much bigger to you when you are standing over a short putt for par.

Practice involves perfecting your stroke. Your stroke should consist of little to no body movement. A good stroke involves the use of arms and shoulders in a pendulum-like motion. The putter head should go straight back from the ball and straight through toward the hole. There should be minimal wrist movement. It is very important to listen for the ball to go into the hole and not watch it. The slightest movement of your head can cause the ball to go off line.

### **Putting drills**

The best way to improve your putting is to practise putting and to do drills. Some of my favourite drills are:

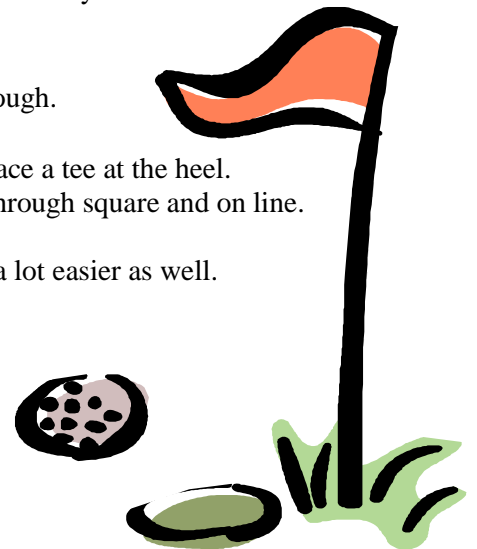
1. Make one hundred 3 footers in a row.
2. Go around the hole making 3 footers from every side (20 in a row).
3. Practise putting down a line to keep your putter going straight back and through.
4. Practise putting with your eyes closed and listen for the ball to go in.

3 feet from the hole, put your putter on the ground, place a tee at the toe, and place a tee at the heel. Practise putting through the "gate" to make sure your putter is going back and through square and on line.

When you are making all your 3 footers confidently, your long putts will seem a lot easier as well. After all this, if your putting has not improved than it may be time to book a lesson.

Good golfing and from the team in the Pro Shop thankyou all for our first 12 months.

Regards,  
Tom Arnott



## **SHARES**

*There are a number of Shares available for Sale in Wantima Country Club  
If you are interested please contact the office for further information.*

## Cricket - Glenn Pinkstone, Cricket Captain

In late March, we won our Grand Final at Marchant Park vs long time rivals Bond X1. After capturing the minor premiership we took the honours in a rain affected match that didn't see a result. However, after winning the toss and batting, we batted through the entire first days play and were in a commanding position before overnight rain washed out Sundays play. Jeff Smith top scored with 71 with myself making 48.

The win was our third premiership in the last four years and our second

in A3. Our trophy winners were: Jeff Smith—Batting, Dylan Brown—Bowling and Jeff Smith—Players Player. We were presented with our premiership caps at a Warehouse function on May 28.

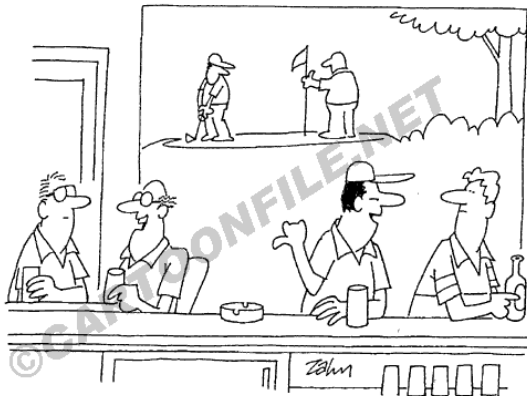
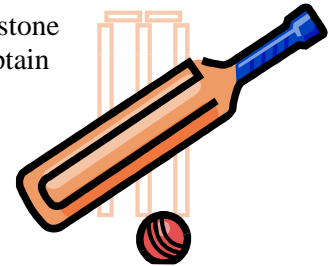
We had a great season this year with balance of being able to play half of our games on turf at Marchant Park and half at our fantastic home ground. We loved coming back home to make use of the facilities and full credit to Drew and his team for the upkeep of the ground

and the support of the Wantima Board for our continuity.

Our focus now shifts toward a well earned break before lining up for another successful Cricketer's Golf Day on Ekka Wednesday.

We hope to see you all there!

Glenn Pinkstone  
Cricketer Captain



"JOE SHOT HIS AGE TWICE TODAY! ONCE ON THE FRONT SIDE AND ONCE ON THE BACK SIDE."

### CRICKETERS GOLF DAY

Exhibition Wednesday  
11 August 2010

All members and Guests  
Welcome

Come along for a great day.

#### Don't Forget:

All Competition results, newsletters, dining nights and membership information can be accessed at our website  
[www.wantimacountryclub.com.au](http://www.wantimacountryclub.com.au)

Weekend competitions are updated each Monday.

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### Please Take NOTE:

#### BUGGIES

No Buggies in Cart Hire Area  
No Hire Buggies to go into Car Park  
No Buggies in Disabled Car Spots

#### ALCOHOL

No Alcohol is to be brought onto the course

#### PATHWAYS

Please use Paths instead of using the Gardens as a Short Cut !